

Rep. Braley co-introduced a bill to rename the Davenport federal courthouse after former-Rep. Jim Leach

Washington, DC - Today, the US House of Representatives passed by voice vote a bill co-introduced by Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) to rename the Davenport federal courthouse the "James A. Leach United States Courthouse." Braley and Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-Iowa) introduced the bill (HR 887) earlier this year. In 2007, the House passed a similar bill introduced by Braley and Loebsack to rename the courthouse after Leach, but the measure stalled in the Senate.

Former Rep. Jim Leach, a native of Davenport, Iowa, represented the Second Congressional District of Iowa in the US House of Representatives for 30 years.

"Today the House of Representatives honored one of its most respected members by passing this bill to rename the Davenport federal courthouse," Braley said. "Jim Leach had a long and distinguished career of public service representing the citizens of eastern Iowa with principle, independence, and hard work. I can think of no more fitting tribute to this Davenport native than to name the 'James A. Leach United States Courthouse' in his honor."

The bill now moves to the Senate for approval. Senators Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) have introduced similar legislation in the United States Senate.